

H. R. No. 362 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives McBee of the 88th, Taylor of the 134th,
Porter of the 143rd, Ashe of the 46th and Coleman of the
80th

A RESOLUTION

1- 1 Urging the Secretary of State and the State Board of
1- 2 Education to designate a "Civics Day" in the schools of
1- 3 Georgia; and for other purposes.

1- 4 WHEREAS, voter participation in Georgia's elections is a
1- 5 vital element of the maintenance of the government of the
1- 6 people, for the people, and by the people; and

1- 7 WHEREAS, in recent years, voter turnout in the State of
1- 8 Georgia has been among the lowest in any of the 50 states;
1- 9 and

1-10 WHEREAS, increasing the awareness among our young people of
1-11 the crucial role the exercise of the franchise plays in a
1-12 representative democracy should be one of the goals of our
1-13 educational system.

1-14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
1-15 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the Secretary of
1-16 State, as the state's chief elections official, the State
1-17 School Superintendent, and the State Board of Education to
1-18 work together to establish a "Civics Day" in the public
1-19 schools of Georgia in early October of each year, prior to
1-20 the holding of general and municipal elections each
1-21 November, and dedicated to the improvement of the education
1-22 and participation of the young people of Georgia in the
1-23 areas of representative democracy, the wise exercise of the
1-24 franchise, and the crucial role of the people in securing
1-25 the blessings of liberty by becoming full participants in
1-26 the political process.

1-27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of
1-28 Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an
1-29 appropriate copy of this resolution to the Secretary of
1-30 State, the State Board of Education, and the State School
1-31 Superintendent.